

## URGE QUICK WORK IN EMPTYING SING SING

Prison Association Officers  
Suggest Temporary Camp  
Up State for Convicts.

ARE READY TO RAISE CASH

Plan Public Subscription if  
Legislature Won't Appro-  
priate Needed Money.

Richard M. Hurd, president of the Prison Association, and Edward O. Heller, lawyer at 60 Broadway and an ex-State Commissioner of Prisons, said yesterday that Sing Sing should be emptied as fast as possible and that the filthy old building should be dynamited. Both said the prison could be replaced by others within a year if the effort were made. They urged the people to bring such pressure to bear that the men now at Sing Sing will be quartered elsewhere before winter.

If there is no other way out of it they would have a temporary prison built and risk a jail delivery rather than keep men "entombed," as Mr. Heller expressed it.

The lawyer said that he had communicated with Governor Seligman and that a completed plan is in his hands to stop immediately the doubling up of prisoners in Sing Sing—a shameful condition that has brought shame to the conduct of the prison and has made New York State, Mr. Heller said, "the worst criminal of the Nation."

Stated by What He Saw.

Mr. Heller and others stand ready to see that the 300 or so men at Sing Sing who are now quartered in filthy cells with other men are removed at once to Great Meadow prison or established in a camp somewhere up State where their lives will no longer be imperiled. The money required to move these men will not exceed a few thousand dollars and Mr. Heller has pleaded with Gov. Sulzer to get the Legislature to appropriate the money. If the Legislature won't do it the lawyer wants to open a public subscription and he is confident that the necessary sum would be pledged in a very few days.

"I was sickened by what I saw at Sing Sing," said Mr. Heller.

Mr. Hurd went up to Sing Sing about three weeks ago and is still hot about what he saw there.

That place must be emptied at once," he said. "It is better to take a chance, and let the men out of that pesthole and escape of a few of them than to keep them there a day longer. Then the building ought to be dynamited."

Objects to Cells for Boys.

"I don't believe in punishing for the sake of punishing. Not any longer. In fact, I think that the system at the House of Refuge on Randall's Island is worse, all wrong. In this respect I suppose I disagree with every one of my associates on the board of directors. They seem to think the place is all right. But I don't. The idea of putting boys in cells revolts me. What good can it possibly do? And somewhere about these boys are the evidences of the fact that they are prisoners. How are you going to make them over by keeping them up and reminding them of their imprisonment at every turn?"

There's a great, solid stone wall around those boys on Randall's Island, and we thought at one time we might get it torn down and an iron fence put up instead. That would have let in the air and the boys could have looked over the river. It would have been a little more like living for them. But the age limit has been raised from 16 to 18 years; there's likelihood of our getting harder cases in consequence, and I'm afraid that stone wall is going to shut them in for the future as in the past. I'd like to tear it down."

Mr. Hurd, like Mr. Heller, is a member of the executive committee of the Prison Association of New York.

Sing Sing Cell "Torture."

Mr. Heller thinks that to put a man in a Sing Sing cell is to torture him. "I doubt if the State Humane Society would allow a dog to be kept in such quarters," he said. "I wouldn't put a dog or a cat in those cells where they double up men."

"After seeing Sing Sing I'll back any plan that will get the men out of it and get them out this very summer—now, not some time when a new jail has been released from the bonds of red tape."

Alexander M. Hadden of 45 East Seventy-sixth street, also a member of the Prison Association's executive committee, said yesterday that he would work heartily with Mr. Heller and Mr. Hurd to secure immediate relief for the men confined there. He was not sure of the policy of farm prisons, especially for city men, but conceded that almost any temporary expedient would be better than to continue to let men stay at Sing Sing.

Sulzer to Urge Action.

Albany, July 15.—Gov. Sulzer is distressed over conditions at Sing Sing prison. He had a talk to-day with James W. Osborne and District Attorney Francis A. Winslow of Westchester county, who described what they had found.

Gov. Sulzer is going to send a special message to the Legislature recommending an appropriation to buy a site for a new prison to replace Sing Sing and to begin its construction.

Marcus T. Hun, who is head of the new prison site commission, said to-night that the Governor would also ask for money to transfer 300 prisoners from Sing Sing to Great Meadow, which would render unnecessary the doubling up of prisoners in the cells at Sing Sing.

MORTGAGE ON ROGERS' GIFT.

Grant to Decide Whether He Meant to Give Messiah Home Outright.

John A. Garver, attorney for the estate of H. H. Rogers, told Supreme Court Justice Phillips yesterday that when Mr. Rogers bequeathed the ground and buildings for the Messiah Home for Crippled Children in The Bronx, several years before his death, the gift was not outright because he desired to retain control over it. He was a manager for \$20,000 of the property, which the home is now suing to have cancelled on the ground that Mr. Rogers made his gift outright and subject to no reversion.

Counsel for the Messiah Home, which was the favorite charity of Mrs. Rogers, asked Justice Phillips for judgment on the bequest. Decision was reserved.

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## STILWELL BEGINS TERM IN SING SING

Former State Senator Enrolled  
on Prison Records as Con-  
vict No. 68595.

SAYS HE'S INNOCENT

Denies Stories of Confession—  
Harburger Enlivens Final  
Scene in Tombs.

Former State Senator Stephen J. Stilwell donned prison garb in Sing Sing yesterday afternoon. He is convict No. 68,595, which will be his official name for not less than four or more than eight years because he solicited a bribe from George H. Kendall, president of the New York Bank Note Company.

To the moment he entered Sing Sing he protested his innocence and denied he had anything to confess. Through James D. McClelland, his attorney, he gave out at the Tombs a statement which was intended to set at rest any expectation that he would make a confession in return for a pardon. The statement said:

"I want to deny the persistent rumors and statements that I was about to make a confession. I am entirely innocent, and I confidently expect that before the termination of this case my innocence will be fully established."

"STEPHEN STILWELL," Stilwell was up early yesterday and began his preparations to go to Sing Sing. He received Eugene McGuire, former Democratic leader in The Bronx, and another man whose name was withheld. Both Senator McClelland and Robert M. Moore, his counsel, visited him. They chatted together until Sheriff J. J. Harburger, fully armed for any contingency and accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Frank P. Coakley, arrived to take the prisoner to Sing Sing. They had gone before Justice Seabury and obtained from him the order of commitment, which had been held up for two weeks to permit Stilwell to settle up his affairs here.

Harburger's Heavy Armament.

"Now," said the dour little Sheriff, stepping up to Stilwell and displaying a huge Colt revolver. "I want to say to you, Senator, that because you were a State Senator you cannot expect any more consideration than any other prisoner. I shall have to shake you up and take you to Police Headquarters, have your pictures and then take measures to the Grand Central station, and from there to Sing Sing on the 1:14 train. Furthermore, when we get to Sing Sing I shall have to walk you three-quarters of a mile up the hill to the prison. I will also say to you that we are suitably armed."

Turning to Coakley the Sheriff then asked: "Have you your pistol, Mr. Deputy Sheriff?"

"I have, Sheriff," was the reply. "Then let the prisoner be shackled."

Stilwell was handcuffed to the deputy Sheriff and led to the Tombs yard. There he climbed into the prison van, while Harburger jumped up to a seat beside the driver.

Stilwell was nattily dressed. He wore a suit of light clothes, with a Scotch plaid hat, and carried a brown leather grip. As he alighted from the van at Police Headquarters he faced a staring crowd waiting for him. He held his head high and walked erect. He did not seem to mind the throng. He faced no battery of cameras smilingly and entered the bureau of identification. There he was "fingerprinted" and his measurements were taken. In fifteen minutes he was on his way to the Grand Central station.

The Arrival at Ossining.

The train reached Ossining at 2:35. On the train the Senator chatted with Harburger and Coakley. Alighting at Ossining, he again encountered a group of reporters and curious persons. Again he posed for the camera men, saying: "I am an innocent man and haven't anything to fear. Go right ahead."

About half a mile from the station Stilwell had to climb a steep flight of stairs. He smiled as he tackled them, and though his smile grew a little bit harder as he neared the prison, he kept up his courage. Entering Sing Sing, he was greeted by James M. Clancy, the new warden, who has long been his friend.

Stilwell went through the usual routine of newly arrived prisoners. He took a bath, had a shave and haircut. Then he donned the prison clothes. He will be assigned to work after he has been examined by the prison physician. Warden Clancy said that Stilwell probably will do clerical work.

The men transferred and the precincts to which they were assigned are: Lieut. John M. Heffernan, 16th; Sgt. Thomas A. Robinson, 16th; Patrolmen Rudolph Kohler, Thirty-second; William H. Roy, Fortieth; Henry V. Callahan, Sixty-ninth; George F. Higgins, Seventy-ninth; Joseph M. Caffrey, Eighty-first; Eugene G. Rabbe, 144th; Joseph A. Neary, 153d; Alexander J. MacConeghy, 164th; Thomas L. McElroy, Forty-second; Morris H. Geescheidt, Sixty-third; John J. Corbett, Seventy-first; Albert E. Heuler, Eighty-third; John J. Lynch, 143d; James R. Conroy, 153d; James Duffy, 163d; and Anthony J. Foster, 29th.

The transfers took effect at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. No orders were issued for a new staff for Inspector Gillen. His inspection district is officially known as the Third and his headquarters are at the Twenty-third precinct station in West Thirtieth street.

PARK HELD FOR COASTER DEATH.

Pallades Manager Says Switchman Responsible Is Back at Work.

FORT LAKE, N. J., July 15.—A Coroner's jury this afternoon held the Pallades Amusement Park management responsible for the aeroplane coaster collision at the park on Sunday night, July 6, when Arthur Olson and Motomaro Leclair of the colliding car lost their lives and nineteen others were injured.

Dr. E. P. Helstern of Cliffside testified that Olson, before dying, said that the second car was blocked by a signal, but the switch watchman, Michael Corrado, turned the red light to white and allowed the car to go ahead.

Corrado is under \$2,000 bail charged with manslaughter and was not permitted by his counsel to testify. Nicholas W. Schenck, general manager of the park, said Corrado has been permitted to return to work in the park.

MISSING PROMOTER GOT \$68,000.

Girl Says American Tanning Co. Paid \$68,000 to Promoter.

Henry W. Parker, one of the promoters of the American Tanning Company, made \$68,000 in one month through the sale of his share of the stock in the concern, according to testimony taken before Judge Ray in the United States District Court yesterday in the trial of Adam Hoch and Eugene S. Robinson, alias Henry R. Raymond. Parker was indicted with the two defendants for use of the mails to defraud in the sale of American Tanning stock, but fled to Europe.

The testimony was given by Miss Gertrude M. Barker, the pretty bookkeeper employed by the American Tanning Company. She said that Parker advertised his stock as treasury stock, which the company was selling at the time. He managed, she said, to dispose of 6,500 shares at \$10 a share.

BURGLARS BIND AND

ROB WOMAN OF GEMS

Follow Mrs. Goldstein Home and

Tear Jewelry From

Her Waist.

Mrs. Anna Goldstein, 46 years old, whose husband, Morris, is a retired clothing manufacturer, was bound, gagged and robbed of \$1,500 in jewelry and \$40 in cash by two men yesterday afternoon in her apartment on the third floor of 23 West 119th street.

The jewelry and money were in a bag in her waist, and to get it the men tore off part of her clothes. Because of the shock and rough treatment Mrs. Goldstein, who recently underwent an operation, is in a serious condition and may die.

The police think the men followed Mrs. Goldstein home after noting that she wore a diamond ring with three large stones, another ring with one diamond and a ruby and a pair of earrings with six diamonds.

The robbers waited until her husband left the apartment at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon with his daughter, Tessie, 17 years old. Then they rang her bell and the bigger man, who weighed about 200 pounds and was very strong, said he and his companion had called to see Mr. Goldstein at the request of his son, David.

Mrs. Goldstein said her husband was not at home and started to close the door. The men sprang inside and slammed the door. The big fellow placed his hands over her mouth and dragged her to the bathroom. Flourishing a revolver he commanded:

"Come, now, tell us where your jewelry is."

Mrs. Goldstein shook her head, meekly. "Oh, yes you have. You are lying," the man retorted. "We've seen it."

Mrs. Goldstein struggled, but they pulled her into another room, placed a gag in her mouth and then bound her to a chair. The bigger man tore off Mrs. Goldstein's waist and then saw the chain of cash containing the jewelry.

The men did not search the apartment. They waited until the woman grew calmer and then removed the gag and unloosed her bonds.

"Don't you dare make a move for five minutes," said one of the men, pointing a revolver at her. "Stay where you are. If you attempt to scream or to follow us we'll come back and finish this job proper."

With that they took their straw hats, which had fallen off in the struggle, and hurried out of the apartment. Mrs. Goldstein faints.

DR. JOHN H. FINLEY ACCEPTS.

Will Take Post of State Education Commissioner in Fall.

John H. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York, has accepted the State Education Commissioner'ship to which he was elected by the State Board of Regents on July 2. He will enter the new office before October 1 and perhaps early in September.

His inaugural address will be delivered at the University convocation in Albany in October. At the same time Dr. Finley McKelway, Chancellor of the University of the State of New York, will make an address on the late Dr. Andrew S. Draper, predecessor of Dr. Finley as Commissioner of Education.

Dr. Finley's resignation has not reached the City College trustees. A trustee said yesterday that until it is received no action will be taken in electing a new president for the college.

FIX PRIMARY TICKET ON AUG. 19.

Republicans to Make Party Designations at Murray Hill Lyceum.

The Republican city committee met last night at Murray Hill Lyceum and set August 19 as the date for making party designations for Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Board of Aldermen. The committee will meet on that date at Murray Hill Lyceum and fix a ticket to be voted on at the primaries on September 16.

All party designations must be in by August 26. Independent designations, including that of the fusionists, may be made up to midnight on August 31.

## SALOMON & CO. SUED BY RUMELY INVESTOR

M. A. Isaacs Says the Bankers  
Deceived Him About Value  
of Securities.

"DANGEROUS INVESTMENT"

Company Was in Poor Con-  
dition and Needed Working  
Capital, He Alleges.

Threatened litigation against William Salomon & Co., bankers, who have been fiscal agents for M. Rumely Company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, on the ground that the banking firm disposed of securities of the Rumely company under misrepresentations as to the company's financial condition, materialized yesterday when a complaint was filed in the Supreme Court by Moe A. Isaacs, who bought 100 shares of the Rumely common stock a year ago at \$9. This stock sold yesterday at 15.

Isaacs sues to recover \$10,026, the amount he paid for the stock with interest, and asks that his contract to buy the stock be declared void because of false representations by Salomon & Co. as to its value.

The complaint states that on or before May, 1911, the defendants were fiscal agents of the Rumely company, an Indiana corporation having an original authorized capital stock of \$250,000. On October 4, 1909, the stock was increased to \$2,000,000 and on November 17, 1910, it was raised to \$22,000,000, of which \$12,000,000 was common and \$10,000,000 preferred. The entire issues of both common and preferred are outstanding. On May 13, 1912, the preferred was listed on the New York Stock Exchange, while \$9,177,000 of common was listed on November 13, 1912, and the other \$2,823,000 was listed on December 26 last. In February last the company issued \$2,000,000 two year notes